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From the Election Commission:

This is the official results of the Primary Election for the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma held on March 18, 2006, for Lt. Governor, Treasurer and Representative. The Candidates listed below will be in the Run Off Election in June 2006. See inside for Absentee Ballot request form.

Lt. Governor (2 Year Term)	Scott Miller Kevin Ellis	141 72	Leroy Ellis	72
Treasurer (2 Year Term)	Ewell Longhorn	89	Steve Johnson	148
Representative (2 Year Term)	Michael Deer	96	Cynthia Carpenter	75



Pictured L to R: Wynona Coon, Linda Wilson, Darlene Perryman, Kent R. Smalley, M.D., and Jumok Isenberg, PA.

Shawnee Clinic Now Open

The new clinic opened Monday, March 20, 2006, fully staffed to provide quality health services. Opening day went smoothly and we are in full operation. We are happy to have Dr. Kent Smalley and Jumok Isenberg, PA, join our team at the Shawnee Clinic. Pictured is Linda Wilson, our first patient to be seen at the new clinic.

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TRIBAL PHONE NUMBERS

Tribal Complex	(405) 275-4030
or	1-800 256-3341
OEP	(405) 273-9966
Building Blocks	(405) 878-0633
Health Programs	1-877-878-4702
or	1-877-878-4716
Little Axe Clinic	(405) 447-0300
Shawnee Clinic	(405) 878-5850
AST Pharmacy	(405) 878-5859
LA Resource Center	(405) 364-7298
or	(405) 364-7569
LA Cultural Center	(405) 447-3372
AST Police	(405) 275-3200
or	(405) 275-3432
Housing Authority	(405) 273-1050

57TH SIMI-ANNUAL GENERAL COUNCIL MINEHNYS APRIL 22, 2008 ° 10:00 A.M. AT TERCOMSENI SOUANTE



Pictured L to R: Bill VanBeber, Jim Johnson and Governor Larry Nuckolls.

Check Presented To Tribe

The Casino Coordinator, Jim Johnson and the Chief Financial Officer, Bill VanBeber delivered a check to Governor Nuckolls in the amount of \$1,087,000.00 to the tribe from the profits made at the Casino. Governor Nuckolls stated that this was the largest profit amount ever delivered

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The offices of the
Absentee Shawnee Tribe • Little Axe Clinic • Shawnee Clinic
will be closed on Friday, April 14, 2006, Good Friday Holiday
Have a nice 3 day weekend!



Larry Nuckolls Governor April 2006 Report

I would like to begin this report and informing you on the progress of the Health Program. As some of you are aware and for those that do not know, the new Clinic in Shawnee began seeing patients on March 20th and more and more members are coming to this Clinic. Our Doctor's name is Dr. Kent Smalley and he is family medicine and negotiate.

The new Clinic is for enrolled tribal members only. The Little Axe Clinic continues to see our members and members from other tribes. The waiting time and appointment for the Shawnee Clinic is no where the length as the clinic in Little Axe. I would encourage the members in the Shawnee area to come to the Shawnee Clinic rather that make the trip to Little Axe. The Shawnee Clinic is also for all enrolled members not just the ones in Shawnee. Any members out of the area that need to see our Doctors and have a long waiting time might want to go to the Shawnee Clinic. As I stated, the time to get into the Doctor is very short and we look forward to seeing all our members at the new Clinic.

Upon and even before seeking and taking office as the Governor of our

Tribe, I stated we needed to review our Health Programs and develop and improve the current programs. This is just the start and we will continue to move in these directions. One of the things that I saw when taking office was the long waits at the Little Axe Clinic for our enrolled members. The Clinic in Little Axe was something that I put in place in the mid 1990's. It was to benefit our enrolled members and it appeared that the past several years we got farther and father away from this. The Little Axe Clinic was built for our members and fewer and fewer were seen there. This is why the Shawnee Clinic is open for only enrolled members and we can see them must faster at this time as the demand and patient load is just growing.

We will be offering x-ray, ultra sound, lab and behavioral health at this location, including primary care. There are several times that we must refer a member to Oklahoma City for a heart ultra sound, because the patient has problem with the circulation of their blood. With the ultra sound system we are buying, the members will no longer have to go to Oklahoma City for this procedure.

These are just a few of the improvements to our health care programs that we will be doing for the rest of the year and it is my hope that we will continue with plans for 2007.

In closing, the Executive Committee has approved the elderly payment for the first quarter and the 60 and above will or should be receiving their payments in early April.

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to the tribe from the Casino at one time. Nuckolls went on to say that for the last seven months that he has had direct oversight of Thunderbird Casino, this was a direct result of having finally financial accountability under his direction and it shows in the amount of the profits delivered to the tribe. When seeking the Office of Governor, Nuckolls stated that the tribe should be running the Casino and we needed to hire tribal members to run the operation of the Casino. The majority of managers at the Casino are now tribal members including Jim Johnson the Coordinator of Gaming at the Casino. These profits are a direct result of the members running your Casino and I congratulate them on a job well done. In the months to come, there will be more profits from the Casino operations and it is now assigned to Lt. Governor Miller under the new approved organizational chart presented by the Governor to the Executive Committee at the March 2, 2006 regular Executive Committee meeting. Any questions that you may have about the Casino in the future should be directed to the Lt. Governor's office. ■



<u>Center</u> - Tribal member, Albert Creek, with the Executive Committee members who attended the ceremony.

Dedication Ceremony held on March 11, 2006 for Shawnee Clinic

The Governor would like to thank all that attended the Dedication Ceremony at the new Shawnee Clinic on Saturday, March 11th. With a special thank you to Albert Creek, tribal member, who said a special prayer in our native language, for the new facility. Everyone received a tour of the new clinic, introduction of new faces, a time of fellowship and snacks.



Scott Miller
Lt. Governor

April 2006 Report

Ho! Hi gi ke ya fi ho wa se li si mi mo?

Greetings to all, I hope all is well with you and your families this month. I am happy to announce the A.S.T. Child Care program will now begin serving A.S.T. tribal members with the Child Care Certificate program. I know that many of you have been inquiring about this program since a waiting list was created approximately a year ago. Tribal members wishing to participate in the Child Care Certificate Program will need to contact Rita Pine at Building Blocks Child Development Center (405) 878-0633. The program will officially begin this month—April 2006.

The tribe is in the process of addressing a gaming issue that will affect tribes nationally. Senator John McCain has introduced Senate Bill 2078 which amends the

Indian Gaming Regulatory Act to giving the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) authority to regulate class III gaming. Also within that authority, the NIGC will have ability to approve or disapprove any gaming management related contracts within tribal casinos. This is very invasive and infringes on tribal sovereignty by having a third party regulate management agreements and contracts for tribes. The amendment to IGRA also puts new limitations on lands eligible for gaming. This can be attributed to the recent influx of casinos being built in questionable areas of tribal ju-Senator McCain is risdictions. also calling for civil penalties to be included in the amendment to IGRA for violations of the Act and tribal gaming ordinances. severity of the penalties would be determined the Chairman of NIGC, which would make NIGC judge, jury, and executioner. I will keep you up to date on this piece of legislation and what impact it will have on gaming.

The recent Abramoff lobbyist scandal and per capita payment issues of gaming tribes has brought the attention of Congress to how tribes are using gaming revenues for their people. Congress feels if tribes have enough money to give out beyond the scope of tribal programs and services, then BIA and IHS subsidies are no longer needed. Many tribal leaders feel this day would be coming, but no so soon. Tribes must follow their distribution plan closely to prevent the possibility of federal funding being reduced or taken away altogether.

To insure that we follow our distribution plan, the Executive Committee has voted to establish an account for casino revenues and those revenues are to be placed into each category of our plan. It will take an undetermined amount of time for the funds to build up in the distribution plan, where each category is filled with the proper percentage, to the point where the funds are drawn for disbursement.

General Council is set for Saturday, April 22 and I hope to see you there.

Si li no ke ka no la Ne yi wa!

ATTENTION

To All Candidates for June Election!

If you intend on submitting new Election Letters to be included in the May newsletter, please email or bring them to the Media Dept by the deadline, the 4th Wednesday of the month.

Media Department
Building 3
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ext. 146
mediadept@astribe.com





Steve Johnson Secretary **April 2006 Report**

I hope this report finds all of you in good health and spirits. Tribal employees and Executive Committee members are preparing for the 57th Semi-Annual General Council Meeting. The meeting is scheduled for April 22nd at 10:00 a.m., at Tecumseh Square.

I was able to attend INDN's (The Indigenous Democratic Network) first anniversary during the last week in February. The Indigenous Democratic Network – also known as INDN's List – recently celebrated its first anniversary in Washington, D.C. with more than 100 people in attendance. The organization's founder, Kalyn Free, Choctaw, told Indian Country Today that the guest list of supporters included elected tribal officials and labor union leaders, as well as Democratic National Committee Chairman Howard Dean, D-Vt., and DNC Vice Chairman and Rep. Mike Honda, D-Calif. (Please see Indian Country Today, Wednesday - March 22, 2006 issue for full story.)

You will find the yard mowing application in this edition and the next edition of The Absentee-Shawnee News. If you are an elder and you meet the criteria set forth in the application,



Pictured above (4th from the right) - Secretary Steve Johnson attended the Indigenous Democratic Network in Washington, D.C.

and would like to receive the Yard would like to discuss, I invite you Mowing service, you can fill out the to call me, drop by or e-mail me at application and mail or fax it to Reta sjohnson@astribe.com. Harjo, Secretary's Department, (405) 275-1922. If you are eligible we will add you to the list.

Recently the employee's of the AST Roads and Driveway program went to a school on controlling wild land fires, at the Choctaw Vocational Center. On Wednesday, March 15, 2006 Maintenance was contacted by the AST Police Department and was told there was a large fire at State Highway 59B west of Macomb. Pottawatomie County and local volunteer fire departments were requesting any type of assistance the Tribe could provide. AST Driveway crew went to assist with the fire at approximately 5:00 p.m.

Maintenance personnel took the dozer to help slow and contain the fire by pushing fire breaks. Both employees stated that they felt they did the best that they could have possibly done. This is the first fire the Tribe has been requested to assist with. The crew indicated that there were a lot of things that they still needed to learn, but all and all they felt they did a fine job. While working, they assisted the Fire Departments and helped save one house, possibly two and several acres of land. The fire departments, and home and land owners, we're very thankful of the tribe's use of equipment and personnel. I feel that this helped strengthen the relationship between the Tribe and the surrounding communities.

If you have issues or ideas you

Steve Johnson Tribal Secretary

AST DRIVEWAY REPAIR **PROGRAM**

Since the beginning of the year the AST Driveway Repair Program has been very busy repairing or constructing new driveways for tribal members.

Driveways are selected in groups of four (4). The four driveways that have been selected to be repaired next are John Sloat, Marilyn Appleman, Dina Bread, Webster Little Jim and James Little Jim.

If you are interested in driveway repair please contact the Secretary's office.

Thank you.

/s/ Steve Johnson Tribal Secretary

AIBSTEINTIER BALLOT REQUEST

YARID MOWING APPLICATION

An on-line version of this paper is available on the web at the following address: www.absenteeshawneetribe-nsn.gov





Treasurer Russell Ellis

ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA OFFICE OF THE TREASURER

APRIL 2006 Report

It is important that each parent know where his or her child's trust account is held. Tribal members were informed that Trust accounts would be established for minors per cap payments and I continue to urge parents to request the bank name and account number for their minor child's trust account. It is important that parents account and monitor these funds and in order to do so, they must know the name of the financial institution where these funds are held.

There still has been no explanation for the lack of a plan document for the "Special Retirement" account opened in December 2005. As stated in the March News paper, this type of retirement account was "being looked at". When researching a retirement fund possibility, research is done BEFORE monies are ever deposited.

FREE TAX CLINIC

There has been a great turn out for the annual Free Tax Clinic held at the Tribal Complex and the Little Axe locations.

To date 200 Tribal members and community members have taken

advantage of these Free Tax Clinics. The average cost for this service is \$75 for a basic 1040 return filing. Absentee Shawnee Tribe and Oklahoma Indian Legal Services have saved Tribal and community members approximately \$15,000 in tax preparation fees. At the Tribal Complex, 113 participants have had their taxes filed and 87 participants at the Little Axe location have had their taxes filed.

There are two (2) more Clinics at the Complex ONLY – (Tribal Complex, Building #1, Second Floor)

- Thursday, April 6, 2006 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Friday, April 7, 2006 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

If you have not had your taxes filed, please take advantage of this free service offered by Absentee Shawnee Tribe and Oklahoma Indian Legal Services. ■

Happy Easter

		AST TAX REVENUE COLLECTED				Run Date: 03/08/2006		
	FY-2000	FY-2001	FY-2002	FY-2003	FY-2004	FY-2005	Tax Category Totals	% of Total Collected
Beverage	\$28,922.63	\$6,069.41	XXXX	XXXX	XXXX	xxxx	\$34,992.04	0.11%
Smokeless	\$16,805.07	\$1,342.45	xxxx	xxxx	xxxx	XXXX	\$18,147.52	0.06%
Cigarette	\$205,746.00	\$10,178.40	xxxx	xxxx	xxxx	xxxx	\$215,924.40	0.69%
Sales	\$20,959.24	\$364,803.15	\$375,753.56	\$445,182.67	\$397,080.92	\$528,660.45	\$2,132,439.99	6.78%
Bingo/Gaming	\$1,604,791.03	\$3,692,505.36	\$3,649,326.08	\$4,908,322.07	\$6,437,491.86	\$7,236,033.19	\$27,528,469.59	87.56%
Employee	\$51,589.06	\$91,055.26	\$90,135.71	\$115,367.80	\$119,078.64	\$140,976.73	\$608,203.20	1.93%
Beer	\$6,416.93	\$431.14	xxxx	xxxx	xxxx	XXXX	\$6,848.07	0.02%
Oil & Gas	\$25,572.95	\$22,504.78	\$18,557.84	\$21,333.15	\$22,851.01	\$31,153.30	\$141,973.03	0.45%
Fuel	\$12,366.04	\$885.21	xxxx	xxxx	xxxx	xxxx	\$13,251.25	0.04%
Mv	\$99,428.93	\$120,259.03	\$130,920.01	\$123,274.68	\$114,042.45	\$126,426.85	\$714,351.95	2.27%
Misc	\$1,653.00	\$1,469.00	\$15,669.14	\$2,422.35	\$2,070.00	\$3,087.00	\$26,370.49	0.08%
Yr Totals	\$2,074,250.88	\$4,311,503.19	\$4,280,362.34	\$5,615,902.72	\$7,092,614.88	\$8,066,337.52	\$31,440,971.53 5 Year Total	100.00%

Note:

The past five years have been good years for *GamingTax* from Thunderbird Casino, expecially the more recent three years. With modernization of the gaming industry and sound management practice, we should not experience a slow down. The exception to this could possible come as a result of over saturation of gaming and an overall dwindling economy, which would effect all gaming properties not only the Thunderbird Casino. During the past twenty years, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe has received \$41,659,947.54 in tax revenue; and \$31,440,971.53 in the last five years, of which 87.5% (or \$27,528,969.59) was from gaming.



Representative Leroy Ellis

REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT April 2006

Once again it seems that another tribe has been reported doing something illegal with its casino and I am sure that there will be some sort of reaction in Washington to tighten the alleged loopholes in Indian gaming. In this instance the tribe never admitted any wrong doing and it seems

that the federal regulatory agency over Indian gaming is never mentioned as knowing anything about the allegations against this tribe.

This agency did, however, close down the casino because there wasn't a management contract with the operator

It was even mentioned in the news article that there was some organized crime activities involved with this little tribe's casino which is located in rural Oklahoma. What isn't mentioned is that organized crime is active in every large city across this country and on a much larger scale. What isn't mentioned is that tribes are the most regulated group in this country which will continue until we begin to influence those that make the rules. That influence begins with our local politicians. By being active in the local elections we can begin to shape the future for our children's children. Did you know that most local elections are decided by less than 100 votes. We can make a difference, but we must participate. Oh by the way, the BIA has been sued by individual Indians concerning the mismanagement of

hundreds of billions of dollars. This is known as the Cobell Case. Wonder if any charges will be filed in this case?????

I have heard it said that Indian gaming in Oklahoma is reaching a satu ration point and that diversification is the way for tribes to replace gaming revenues. What if gaming in Oklahoma hasn't reached its saturation point? I don't believe it has. I believe that gaming is evolving similar to Nevada. Oklahoma is unique because of the number of tribes that are located here. No other state in the middle of this country has the number of tribes Oklahoma does. In fact, Oklahoma is becoming a gaming destination point for visitors. No one is saying that gaming in Nevada is saturated. We can't continue gaming as we have always done. We must evolve and expand.

For those of you who want to attend language classes but have found Brendle Corner a little too far to travel, arrangements have been made to have Shawnee language classes on the tribal complex. The classes are being held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30pm to 8pm at the Title VI building. Come one, come all!!!

LEASE & RENTAL OF TRIBALLY OWNED FACILITIES:

- · Horseshoe Bend
- Little Axe Community Cntr
- Tecumseh Square
- Little Axe Resource Center
- Brendle Corner.

Scheduling the above-mentioned facilities and paying rental fees and deposits are now being handles through the Tribe's Realty Department. Please contact Sheila Johnson @ (405) 275-4030, Ext 127

Absentee Shawnee Tribe of OK Notice Of Interest to serve on Commissions, Committees or Boards

The Absentee Shawnee Tribe of OK Executive Committee will be accepting requests to fill the vacancies that exist on committees, commissions or boards.

If you are a tribal member, 18 years of age or older, and wish to apply to serve on any committee, commission and or board please complete the information form below, attach a resume' and submit both to the Governor's Office, Absentee Shawnee Tribe of OK, 2025 S. Gordon Cooper Dr., Shawnee, OK 74801.

Name:	Roll #:
Address:	
City:	_ State:
Zip Code:	
Phone #:	<u> </u>
I wish to be considered to serve on:	
Submitted by:	
Date:	

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ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA SPECIAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

MARCH 2, 2006

EXECUTIVE RESOLUTIONS

NO. E-AS-2006-012

A RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF JOE FREEMAN, ATTORNEY AT LAW, TO A SIX (6) YEAR TERM OF OFFICE SERVING AS A JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE EFFECTIVE ON THE DATE OF THIS RESOLUTION FOR A FULL TENURE OF OFFICE.

WHEREAS, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is a federally recognized Indian tribe exercising all inherent sovereign rights from time immemorial; and

WHEREAS, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma has a Constitution approved by the Department of the Interior, last amended in August 1988; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is empowered by the Constitution to speak and otherwise conduct business in the name of, and on behalf of, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Executive Committee to uphold its constitutional responsibility to the Tribe and its membership as the highest priority; and

WHEREAS, the authorities granted by this Resolution shall be continuing until and unless rescinded by separate action of this body, and

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma was amended to provide for a gubernatorial nomination/Executive Committee confirmation process to select Judges and Justices to the Court System of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, there is a vacancy on the Absentee Shawnee Tribal Supreme Court which impairs the ability of the court to properly function; and

WHEREAS, Joe Freeman, Attorney at law, has expressed an interest in serving as a Justice of the supreme Court of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe and is qualified and very capable of providing proper and prudent service to that office; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed in the best interest of the Tribe and its membership to appoint qualified and interest parties to serve in the capacity of Justice of the Supreme Court of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Committee of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma hereby confirms the appointment of Joe Freeman, Attorney at Law, to a six (6) year term of office serving as a Justice of the Supreme Court of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe effective on the date of this Resolution for a full tenure of office.

CERTIFICATION

We, Larry Nuckolls, Governor and Steve Johnson, Secretary of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that this Resolution No. E-AS-2006-12 to be a true and exact copy as approved by the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma at a duly called meet-

ing held on March 2, 2006, there being a quorum present, by vote of 4 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions, as follows: Lt. Governor Miller: Yes, Secretary Johnson: Yes, Treasurer Russell Ellis: Yes, Representative Leroy Ellis: Yes, Governor's vote, if required, N/A.

NO. E-AS-2006-013

A RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA AUTHORIZING THE GOVERNOR OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE TO DECLARE AS SURPLUS PROPERTY, POLICE VEHICLES DESCRIBED IN ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A", AND TO DISPOSE OF SAME BY SELLING SUCH VEHICLES IN A COMMERCIALLY REASONABLE MANNER AS HE MAY CHOOSE.

WHEREAS, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is a federally recognized Indian tribe exercising all inherent sovereign rights from time immemorial; and

WHEREAS, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma has a Constitution approved by the Department of the Interior, last amended in August 1988; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is empowered by the Constitution to speak and otherwise conduct business in the name of, and on behalf of, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Executive Committee to uphold its constitutional responsibility to the Tribe and its membership as the highest priority; and

WHEREAS, the authorities granted by this Resolution shall be continuing until and unless rescinded by separate action of this body, and

WHEREAS, after conversing with the Absentee Shawnee Tribal Police Chief, it has been determined that a surplus of vehicles exist within the Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the vehicles in question are not appropriate for continued use by the Absentee Shawnee Tribal Police Department; and

WHEREAS, said vehicles can be sold to generate revenue for the use of the Absentee Shawnee Tribal Police Department or other appropriate government purposes

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Committee of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma hereby authorizes the Governor of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe to declare as surplus property, police vehicles described in attached Exhibit "A", and to dispose of same by selling such vehicles in a commercially reasonable manner as he may choose.

CERTIFICATION

We, Larry Nuckolls, Governor and Steve Johnson, Secretary of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that this Resolution No. E-AS-2006-13 to be a true and exact copy as approved by the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma at a duly called meeting held on March 2, 2006, there being a quorum present, by vote of in favor, 4 opposed, and 0 abstentions, as follows: Lt. Governor Miller: Yes, Secretary Johnson: Yes, Treasurer Russell Ellis: Yes, Representative Leroy Ellis: Yes, Governor's vote, if required, N/A.



A RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ABSENTEE-SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA AUTHORIZING THE GOVERNOR TO ACCEPT THE OFFER BY COLDWELL BANKER ON BEHALF OF A THIRD PARTY TO PURCHASE A SIXTY (60) (MORE OR LESS) ACRE TRACT OF TRIBALLY OWNED FEE LAND LOCATED IN EL RENO, OKLAHOMA.

WHEREAS, the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is a federally recognized Indian Tribe exercising all inherent sovereign rights from time immemorial, and

WHEREAS, the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma has a Constitution approved by the Department of Interior, last amended in August 1988, and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is empowered by the Constitution to speak and otherwise conduct business in the name of, and on behalf of, the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, and

WHEREAS, the authorities granted by this Resolution shall be continuing until and unless rescinded by separate action of this body, and

WHEREAS, the Tribe owns a sixty (60) more or less, acre parcel of land located in El Reno, Oklahoma, and WHEREAS, the Tribe has received an offer to purchase the above-mentioned property from Coldwell Banker Commercial on behalf of a third party, and

WHEREAS, Coldwell Banker Commercial's offer of Six Hundred Thousand Dollars and No/Cents (\$600,000.00) exceeds the amount the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe paid for the property, and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the land sale will

be profitable for the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe, and WHEREAS, the Executive Committee of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe has determined that as the Chief Executive Officer, the Governor is the official authorized to negotiate this land sale.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Committee of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma authorizing the Governor to accept the offer by Coldwell Banker on behalf of a third party to purchase a sixty (60) (more or less) acre tract of tribally owned fee land located in El Reno, Oklahoma.

CERTIFICATION

We, Larry Nuckolls, Governor and Steve Johnson, Secretary of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that this Resolution No. E-AS-2006-14 to be a true and exact copy as approved by the Executive Committee of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma at a duly called meeting held on March 2, 2006, there being a quorum present, by a vote of 3 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstentions, as follows: Scott Miller, Lt. Governor: Yes, Steve Johnson, Secretary: Abstain, Russell Ellis, Treasurer: Yes, Leroy Ellis, Representative: Yes, Governor's vote, if required, N/A.

NO. E-AS-2006-015

A RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA AUTHORIZING THE GOVERNOR OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE TO ENTER INTO A

CONTRACT WITH AN APPROPRIATE CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANT FIRM TO ASSIST THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE FINANCE DEPARTMENT IN CONDUCTING GASB 34 RECONCILIATIONS PERTAINING TO THE REQUIRED ANNUAL 2006 AUDIT.

WHEREAS, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is a federally recognized Indian tribe exercising all inherent sovereign rights from time immemorial; and

WHEREAS, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma has a Constitution approved by the Department of the Interior, last amended in August 1988; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is empowered by the Constitution to speak and otherwise conduct business in the name of, and on behalf of, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Executive Committee to uphold its constitutional responsibility to the Tribe and its membership as the highest priority; and

WHEREAS, the authorities granted by this Resolution shall be continuing until and unless rescinded by separate action of this body, and

WHEREAS, the Tribe must have a single audit each fiscal year to comply with federal law; and

WHEREAS, GASB34 reconciliations are a mandatary component of the audit process; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Finance Department requires the additional training and assistance of a trained auditor to assure compliance;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Committee of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma hereby authorizes the Governor of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe to enter into a contract with an appropriate certified accountant firm to assist the Absentee Shawnee Finance Department in conducting GASB34 RECONCILIATIONS pertaining to the required annual 2006 audit. CERTIFICATION

We, Larry Nuckolls, Governor and Steve Johnson, Secretary of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that this Resolution No. E-AS-2006-15 to be a true and exact copy as approved by the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma at a duly called meeting held on March 2, 2006, there being a quorum present, by vote of 4 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions, as follows: Lt. Governor Miller: Yes, Secretary Johnson: Yes, Treasurer Russell Ellis: Yes, Representative Leroy Ellis: Yes, Governor's vote, if required, N/A.

NO. E-AS-2006-016

A RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA AUTHORIZING THE GOVERNOR OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH A CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM CAPABLE OF PERFORMING FORENSIC AUDITS TO CONDUCT SPECIAL FORENSIC AUDITS OF TRIBAL ACCOUNTS.

WHEREAS, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is a federally recognized Indian tribe exercising all inherent sovereign rights from time immemorial; and

WHEREAS, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is a federally recognized Indian tribe exercising all inherent sovereign rights from time immemorial; and

WHEREAS, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma has a Constitution approved by the Department of the Interior, last amended in August 1988; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is empowered by the Constitution to speak and otherwise conduct business in the name of, and on behalf of, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Executive Committee to uphold its constitutional responsibility to the Tribe and its membership as the highest priority; and

WHEREAS, the authorities granted by this Resolution shall be continuing until and unless rescinded by separate action of this body, and

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Executive Committee that there is a high probability of mismanagement/ misuse of Tribal funds by the manipulation or improper use of Tribal accounts; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Finance Department is not the proper entity to conduct Forensic Audits of Tribal Finance; and

WHEREAS, that it is necessary to utilize a properly trained forensic accountant for the purposes of identifying and preserving any and all improper transactions for the purposes of future criminal or civil actions:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Committee of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma hereby authorizes the Governor of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe to enter into a contract with a certified public accounting firm capable of performing forensic audits to conduct special forensic audits of tribal accounts.

CERTIFICATION

We, Larry Nuckolls, Governor and Steve Johnson, Secretary of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that this Resolution No. E-AS-2006-16 to be a true and exact copy as approved by the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma at a duly called meeting held on March 2, 2006, there being a quorum present, by vote of 3 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstentions, as follows: Lt. Governor Miller: Yes, Secretary Johnson: Yes, Treasurer Russell Ellis: Abstain, Representative Leroy Ellis: Yes, Governor's vote, if required, N/A.

NO. E-AS-2006-017

A RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRIBAL FINANCE TO OPEN TWO (2) ACCOUNTS, ONE (1) INVESTMENT ACCOUNT AND ONE (1) CHECKING ACCOUNT, IN THE NAME OF ABSENTEE SHAWNEE GAMING REVENUE PLAN FOR THE EXPRESS PURPOSE OF RECEIVING, TRACKING, AND DISTRIBUTING GAMING REVENUE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE APPROVED GAMING REVENUE DISTRIBUTION PLAN.

WHEREAS, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is a federally recognized Indian tribe exercising all inherent sovereign rights from time immemorial; and

WHEREAS, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is a federally recognized Indian tribe exercising all inherent sovereign rights from time immemorial; and

WHEREAS, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma has a Constitution approved by the Department of the Interior, last amended in August 1988; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is empowered by the Constitution to speak and otherwise conduct business in the name of, and on behalf of, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Executive Committee to uphold its constitutional responsibility to the Tribe and its membership as the highest priority; and

WHEREAS, the authorities granted by this Resolution shall be continuing until and unless rescinded by separate action of this body, and

WHEREAS, the federally approved distribution plan for gaming revenues requires that the profits be distributed in an appropriate and trackable manner; and

WHEREAS, there is currently no proper mechanism to deposit and expend the funds distributed from gaming revenues in accordance with the approved gaming revenue distribution plan; and

WHEREAS, two (2) separate accounts, one (1) investments and one (1) checking, are required for the accurate tracking and disbursement of the gaming funds.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Committee of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma hereby directs the department of tribal finance to open two (2) accounts, one (1) investment account and one (1) checking account, in the name of absentee Shawnee Gaming Revenue Plan for the express purpose of receiving, tracking, and distributing gaming revenue in accordance with the approved gaming revenue distribution plan.

CERTIFICATION

We, Larry Nuckolls, Governor and Steve Johnson, Secretary of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that this Resolution No. E-AS-2006-17 to be a true and exact copy as approved by the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma at a duly called meeting held on March 2, 2006, there being a quorum present, by vote of 4 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions, as follows: Lt. Governor Miller: Yes/No, Secretary Johnson: Yes/No, Treasurer Russell Ellis: Yes/No, Representative Leroy Ellis: Yes/No, Governor's vote, if required, N/A.

ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA REGULAR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

MARCH 15, 2006

EXECUTIVE RESOLUTIONS

NO. E-AS-2006-018

A RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA APPROVING AND ACCEPTING

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TAMMY KAY GILLMORE, ATHENIA KAYRA SLOAT, ISA-IAH FAUSTINO ORTIZ AND BRODIE AARON BEACH AS ENROLLED MEMBERS OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA.

WHEREAS, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is a federally recognized Indian tribe exercising all inherent sovereign rights from time immemorial; and

WHEREAS, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma has a Constitution approved by the Department of the Interior, last amended in August 1988; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is empowered by the Constitution to speak and otherwise conduct business in the name of, and on behalf of, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Executive Committee to uphold its constitutional responsibility to the Tribe and its membership as the highest priority; and

WHEREAS, the following individuals have applied for membership in the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma; and

NAME OF ENROLLEE	DOB	DEGREE OF BLOOD
Tammy Kay Gillmore	08/12/1961	1/4
Athenia Kayra Sloat	03/12/2005	1/4
Isaiah Faustino Ortiz	11/14/2005	3/8
Brodie Aaron Beach	10/21/2005	1/4

WHEREAS, the above-named individuals have satisfactorily met the Constitutional enrollment requirements of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that, research has been conducted, and to the best of our knowledge, these individuals are not enrolled with another tribe; and

WHEREAS, the appropriate documentation required for this action is on file in the Enrollment section of the Absentee Shawnee Tribal Secretary's office.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma hereby approves and accepts the above named individuals as enrolled members of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma as of the date of this resolution.

CERTIFICATION

We, Larry Nuckolls, Governor and Steve A. Johnson, Secretary of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that this Resolution No. E-AS-2006-18 to be a true and exact copy as approved by the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma at a duly called Regular Meeting held on March 15, 2006 there being a quorum present by a vote of: 3 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, as follows: Lt. Governor Miller: Yes; Secretary Johnson: Yes; Treasurer Ellis: Absent; Representative Ellis: Yes; Governor Nuckolls vote, if required: N/A.

NO. E-AS-2006-019

A RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA AUTHORIZING AND APPROV-

ING THE CERTIFICATION OF THE MEMBERSHIP ROLL OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA AT 3029 MEMBERS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2005.

WHEREAS, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is a federally recognized Indian tribe exercising all inherent sovereign rights from time immemorial; and

WHEREAS, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma has a Constitution approved by the Department of the interior, last amended in August 1988; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is empowered by the Constitution to speak and otherwise conduct business in the name of, and on behalf of, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Executive Committee to uphold its constitutional responsibility to the Tribe and its membership as the highest priority; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma met in a Regular Meeting the 16 day of March 2005 there being a quorum present; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Secretary has reviewed the accuracy of the Tribal Membership roll as of December 31, 2005, which includes 26 Deceased and 9 Relinquished.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma hereby authorizes and approves the certification of the Membership Roll of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma as being accurate and correct.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the membership roll contains only the names of those persons who were determined to meet the requirements of enrollment and therefore, enrolled pursuant to the provisions of the Absentee Shawnee Constitution and By-laws.

CERTIFICATION

We, Larry Nuckolls, Governor and Steve Johnson, Secretary of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that this Resolution No. E-AS-2006-19 to be a true and exact copy as approved by the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma at a duly called Regular Meeting held on March 15, 2006, there being a quorum present by a vote of: 3 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions, as follows: Lt. Governor Miller: Yes; Secretary Johnson: Yes; Treasurer Ellis: Absent; Representative Ellis: Yes; Governor Nuckoll's vote, if required: N/A.

NO. E-AS-2006-020

A RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ABSENTEE-SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA ESTABLISHING DATE, TIME AND PLACE TO CONDUCT THE 57TH SEMI-ANNUAL GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING FOR THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA AS APRIL 22, 2006 @ 10:00 A.M. AT TECUMSEH SQUARE.

WHEREAS, the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is a federally recognized Indian Tribe exercising all inherent

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sovereign rights from time immemorial, and

WHEREAS, the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma has a Constitution approved by the Department of Interior, last amended in August 1988, and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is empowered by the Constitution to speak and otherwise conduct business in the name of, and on behalf of, the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, and

WHEREAS, the authorities granted by this Resolution shall be continuing until and unless rescinded by separate action of this body, and

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma mandates in Article XVI "Meetings Section I. General Council Meetings shall be held semi-annually in April and October on dates to be set by the Executive Committee. Notices shall be posted at appropriate places at least fifteen days prior to each General Council meeting, and

WHEREAS, it is deemed in the best interest of the Tribe to establish such meeting dates, time and places well in advance of such meetings, and to allow sufficient time for preparation of agenda and information to be distributed at said meetings, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma hereby establishes that the 57th Semi-Annual General Council Meeting for the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma to be set for April 22, 2006 @ 10:00 a.m. at Tecumseh Square.

CERTIFICATION

We, Larry Nuckolls, Governor and Steve Johnson, Secretary of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that this Resolution No. E-AS-2006-20 to be a true and exact copy as approved by the Executive Committee of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma at a duly called meeting held on March 15, 2006, there being a quorum present, by a vote of 3 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions, as follows: Lt. Governor Miller; Yes, Secretary Johnson; Yes, Treasurer Ellis: Absent; Representative Ellis: Yes, Governor Nuckolls vote, if required, N/A.

ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA SPECIAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

MARCH 24, 2006

EXECUTIVE RESOLUTIONS

NO. E-AS-2006-021

A RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ABSENTEE-SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA ESTABLISHING THE DEADLINE FOR THE ABSENTEE-SHAWNEE TRIBAL NEWS PAPER ARTICLES AS THE FORTH WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

WHEREAS, the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is a federally recognized Indian Tribe exercising all inherent sovereign rights from time immemorial, and

WHEREAS, the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma has a Constitution approved by the Department of Interior, last amended in August 1988, and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is empowered by the Constitution to speak and otherwise conduct business in the name of, and on behalf of, the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, and

WHEREAS, the authorities granted by this Resolution shall be continuing until and unless rescinded by separate action of this body, and

WHEREAS, the Absentee-Shawnee News is an instrument used by the Tribe to distribute tribal governmental and tribal program information, and federal governmental and federal program information, and

WHEREAS, many programs have due dates that the membership will not know about if the information is not disseminated in a timely manner, and

WHEREAS, because of the time it takes to get the articles gathered and the paper put together, the articles must

be requested before the end of the month, and WHEREAS, the Executive Committee of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma has decided that the deadline for articles to be received by the Media Coordinator of the Absentee-Shawnee News the fourth Wednesday of each month.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma establishing the deadline for the Absentee-Shawnee Tribal News paper articles as the forth Wednesday of each month.

CERTIFICATION

We, Larry Nuckolls, Governor and Steve Johnson, Secretary of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that this Resolution No. E-AS-2006-21 to be a true and exact copy as approved by the Executive Committee of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma at a duly called meeting held on March 24, 2006, there being a quorum present, by a vote of 3 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions, as follows: Lt. Governor Miller: Yes, Secretary Johnson: Yes, Treasurer Ellis: Absent, Representative Ellis: Yes, Governor Nuckoll's vote, if required, N/A.

NO. E-AS-2006-022

A RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ABSENTEE-SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF TERESA (TERI) J. REED TO FILL A VACANCY ON THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD, INC., (ASEDA), TO SERVE AS BOARD MEMBER THROUGH THE REMAINDER OF THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF FORMER BOARD MEMBER CHRIS COCHRAN, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

WHEREAS, the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is a federally recognized Indian Tribe exercising all inherent sovereign rights from time immemorial, and

WHEREAS, the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma has a Constitution approved by the Department of Interior, last amended in August 1988, and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is empowered by the Constitution to speak and otherwise conduct business in the name of, and on behalf of, the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, and

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WHEREAS, the authorities granted by this Resolution shall be continuing until and unless rescinded by separate action of this body, and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Executive Committee to uphold its constitutional responsibility to the tribe and its membership as the highest priority, and

WHEREAS, Teresa Reed has expressed an interest in serving on the Absentee Shawnee Economic Development Authority Board, Inc., (ASEDA), and

WHEREAS, Ms. Reed is qualified by education, experience and aptitude to fill the vacancy, and

WHEREAS, it is of the utmost importance that the ASEDA Board consist of persons who are dedicated to the pursuit of the economic development of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee feels that Teresa Reed will serve the Board in a manner that will be in the best interest of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma authorizes the appointment authorizes the appointment of Teresa (Teri) J. Reed to fill a vacancy on the Absentee Shawnee Economic Development Authority Board, Inc., (ASEDA), to serve as board member through the remainder of the unexpired term of former board member Chris Cochran, effective immediately.

CERTIFICATION

We, Larry Nuckolls, Governor and Steve Johnson, Secretary of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that this Resolution No. E-AS-2006-22 to be a true and exact copy as approved by the Executive Committee of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma at a duly called meeting held on March 24, 2006, there being a quorum present, by a vote of 3 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions, as follows: Lt. Governor Miller: Yes, Secretary Johnson: Yes, Treasurer Ellis: Absent, Representative Ellis: Yes, Governor Nuckoll's vote, if required, N/A.

NO. E-AS-2006-023

A RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ABSENTEE-SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA AUTHORIZING THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA'S INSURANCE SERVICES PROVIDER TO A SINGLE SOURCE, and NAMING DUSTIN BRAND AS THE SOLE BROKER AND RECOGNIZING NORTH AMERICAN GROUP AS THE AGENTS OF RECORD FOR ALL OF THE TRIBE'S HEALTH AND WELFARE PRODUCTS.

WHEREAS, the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is a federally recognized Indian Tribe exercising all inherent sovereign rights from time immemorial, and

WHEREAS, the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma has a Constitution approved by the Department of Interior, last amended in August 1988, and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is empowered by the Constitution to speak and otherwise conduct business in the name of, and on behalf of, the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Okla homa, and

WHEREAS, the authorities granted by this Resolution shall be continuing until and unless rescinded by separate action of this body, and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Executive Committee to uphold its constitutional responsibility to the tribe and its membership as the highest priority, and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee feels that it would be in the best interest of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe to consolidate the Tribe and it's entities, insurance services provider to a single source, and

WHEREAS, naming Dustin Brand, North American Group as sole broker for the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, and

WHEREAS, North American Group will be recognized as agent of record for all of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma's health and welfare products.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma authorizes the consolidation of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma's insurance services provider to a single source, and naming Dustin Brand as the sole broker and recognizes North American Group as the agents of record for all of the Tribe's health and welfare products.

CERTIFICATION

We, Larry Nuckolls, Governor and Steve Johnson, Secretary of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that this Resolution No. E-AS-2006-23 to be a true and exact copy as approved by the Executive Committee of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma at a duly called meeting held on March 24, 2006, there being a quorum present, by a vote of 2 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention, as follows: Lt. Governor Miller: Yes, Secretary Johnson: Abstain, Treasurer Ellis: Absent, Representative Ellis: Yes, Governor Nuckoll's vote, if required, N/A.

ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA SPECIAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

MARCH 2, 2006

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTIONS

NO. L-AS-2006-06

A RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA AMENDING CHAPTER 9 OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE JUVENILE CODE IN THE FORM ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT "A"; EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

WHEREAS, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is a federally recognized Indian tribe exercising all inherent sovereign rights from time immemorial; and WHEREAS, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma has a constitution approved by the Department of the Interior, last amended in August 1988; and WHEREAS. the Executive Committee of the Ab-

sentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is empowered by the Constitution to speak and otherwise conduct business in the

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name of, and on behalf of, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Executive Committee to uphold its constitutional responsibility to the Tribe and its membership as the highest priority; and WHEREAS, the Executive Committee is committed to protecting the interests and welfare of all its minor and incompetent Tribal Members; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 9 of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe Juvenile Code, as adopted on December 2, 2005, in L-AS-2005-49, needs to be amended.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma hereby amends Chapter 9 of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe Juvenile Code in the form attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

CERTIFICATION

We, Larry Nuckolls, Governor, and Steve Johnson, Secretary, of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that this Resolution No. L-AS-2006-06 to be a true and exact copy as approved by the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma at a duly called special meeting held on March 2, 2006, there being a quorum present, by vote of 4 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions, as follows: Lt. Governor Miller: Yes; Secretary Johnson: Yes:; Treasurer Ellis: Yes; Representative Ellis: Yes; Governor Nuckolls' vote, if required: N/A

NO. L-AS-2006-07

A RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA RESCINDING LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION NO. AS-93-32, WHICH AMENDED THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE CODE, SPECIFICALLY CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE CODE OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE.

WHEREAS, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is a federally recognized Indian tribe exercising all inherent sovereign rights from time immemorial, and

WHEREAS, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma has a constitution approved by the Department of the Interior, last amended in August 1988, and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is empowered by the Constitution to speak and otherwise conduct business in the name of, and on behalf of, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Executive Committee to uphold its constitutional responsibility to the Tribe and its membership as the highest priority; and

WHEREAS, on September 1, 1993, Legislative Resolution AS-93-32 was passed amending the Absentee Shawnee Code of Criminal Procedure to include section 105, "Definition of Felony" (attached hereto as Exhibit "A"); and

WHEREAS, federally-recognized Indian tribes are limited to handling misdemeanor cases in tribal justice systems by the following laws: Major Crimes Act, 18 U.S.C.A. §1153 (felonies prosecuted by the federal government); 25 U.S.C. § 1302(7) (tribes may not impose any punishment greater than imprisonment for a term of one year and a fine of \$5,000, or both, for the conviction of any one offense);

18 U.S.C. A. §3571(6) (a class B or C misdemeanor is limited to a fine of not more than \$5,000); U.S. Sentencing Guidelines Manual §4A1.2(o) (2001) (a felony is defined as an offense punishable by death or a term of imprisonment exceeding one year), Bureau of Justice Statistics "Census of Tribal Justice Agencies in Indian Country, 2002" (Steven W. Perry), Appendix "Questionnaire" (2005) (no federally-recognized tribe has handled felony cases) available at http://www.ojp.usdoi.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/ctjaic02.pdf; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee, aware of the limitations of federally-recognized Indian tribes handling felony cases, finds that Legislative Resolution No. AS-93-32 should be rescinded as the Absentee Shawnee Tribe may not handle felony matters.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma hereby rescinds Legislative Resolution No. AS-93-32, which amended the Absentee Shawnee Code, specifically certain sections of the Absentee Shawnee Code of Criminal Procedure. EFFECTIVE DATE: IMMEDIATELY.

CERTIFICATION

We, Larry Nuckolls, Governor, and Steve Johnson, Secretary, of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that this Resolution No. L-AS-2006-07 to be a true and exact copy as approved by the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma at a duly called special meeting held on March 2, there being a quorum present, by vote of 4 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions, as follows: Lt. Governor Miller: Yes; Secretary Johnson: Yes; Treasurer Ellis: Yes; Representative Ellis: Yes; Governor Nuckolls' vote, if required: N/A.

NO. L-AS-2006-08

A RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE CRIMINAL OFFENSES CODE AND THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE CODE WHEREBY THE PUNISHMENT OF BANISHMENT IS STRICKEN FROM ALL SECTIONS IN WHICH IT IS REFERRED.

WHEREAS, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is a federally recognized Indian tribe exercising all inherent sovereign rights from time immemorial, and

WHEREAS, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma has a constitution approved by the Department of the Interior, last amended in August 1988, and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is empowered by the Constitution to speak and otherwise conduct business in the name of, and on behalf of, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Executive Committee to uphold its constitutional responsibility to the Tribe and its membership as the highest priority; and WHEREAS, banishment is not appropriate for the Absentee Shawnee District Court to sentence as punish-

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ment; and

WHEREAS, banishment as a form of punishment does not serve the best interests of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma hereby authorizes an amendment to the Absentee Shawnee Tribe Criminal Offenses Code and the Absentee Shawnee Tribe Criminal Procedure Code whereby the punishment of banishment is stricken from all sections in which it is referred. EFFECTIVE DATE: IMMEDIATELY.

CERTIFICATION

We, Larry Nuckolls, Governor, and Steve Johnson, Secretary, of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that this Resolution No. L-AS-2006-08 to be a true and exact copy as approved by the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma at a duly called special meeting held on March 2, there being a quorum present, by vote of 4 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions, as follows: Lt. Governor Miller: Yes; Secretary Johnson: Yes; Treasurer Ellis: Yes; Representative Ellis: Yes; Governor Nuckolls' vote, if required: N/A.

NO. L-AS-2006-09

A RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ABSENTEE-SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA APPROVING THE ORGANIZATIONAL CHART OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA, AS EXHIBIT "A" EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, AS SHOWN ON THE CHART ATTACHED HERETO, AND RESCINDING ALL PRIOR ORGANIZATIONAL CHARTS.

WHEREAS, the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is a federally recognized Indian Tribe exercising all inherent sovereign rights from time immemorial, and

WHEREAS, the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma has a Constitution approved by the Department of Interior, last amended in August 1988, and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is empowered by the Constitution to speak and otherwise conduct business in the name of, and on behalf of, the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, and

WHEREAS, the authorities granted by this Resolution shall be continuing until and unless rescinded by separate action of this body, and

WHEREAS, the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma requires that the governing body update, from time to time, its organizational chart and lines of administrative authority, and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe feels that the attached organizational chart best reflects the highest and best use of the existing officials, personnel and staff of the Tribe, and

WHEREAS, the attached Organizational Chart shall be in effect upon the passing of this Resolution and shall continue in full force and effect until rescinded or amended by separate action of this body.

WHEREAS, the attached Organizational Chart shall be in effect upon the passing of this Resolution and shall continue in full force and effect until rescinded or amended by separate action of this body.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma approves the organizational chart of the Absentee Shawnee tribe of Oklahoma, as Exhibit "A" effective immediately, as shown on the chart attached hereto, and rescinding all prior organizational charts.

CERTIFICATION

We, Larry Nuckolls, Governor and Steve Johnson, Secretary of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that this Resolution No. L-AS-2006-09 to be a true and exact copy as approved by the Executive Committee of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma at a duly called meeting held on March 2, 2006, there being a quorum present, by a vote of 4 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions, as follows: Lt. Governor: Yes, Secretary: Yes, Treasurer: Yes Representative: Yes, Governor's vote, if required, N/A.

ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA REGULAR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

MARCH 15, 2006

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTIONS

NO. L-AS-2006-10

A RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ABSENTEE-SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA APPROPRIATING ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$175,000.00) TO THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA'S HOUSING IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, BIA BUDGET, CONSTRUCTION LINE ITEM.

WHEREAS, the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is a federally recognized Indian Tribe exercising all inherent sovereign rights from time immemorial, and

WHEREAS, the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma has a Constitution approved by the Department of Interior, last amended in August 1988, and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is empowered by the Constitution to speak and otherwise conduct business in the name of, and on behalf of, the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, and

WHEREAS, the authorities granted by this Resolution shall be continuing until and unless rescinded by separate action of this body, and

WHEREAS, it is the fudiciary duty of the Executive Committee to appropriate and budget funding in accordance to the programs that it administers, and

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Indian Affairs allocated \$175,000.00 of Catagory "C" Housing Construction Funds, to serve three (3) eligible Absentee Shawnee Tribal Members through the Housing Improvement Progran in 2005, and

WHEREAS, during the 2006 budgeting process the funds were not formally allocated and approved by the Executive Committee, and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma has determined that it is necessary to appropriate the HIP funds to the proper budget thereby insuring the completion of the approved projects.

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma approves the appropriation of One Hundred Seventy Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents (175,000.00) to the Absentee Shawnee Tribe's Housing Improvement Program, BIA budget, construction line item.

CERTIFICATION

We, Larry Nuckolls, Governor and Steve Johnson, Secretary of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that this Resolution No. L-AS-2006-10 to be a true and exact copy as approved by the Executive Committee of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma at a duly called meeting held on March 15, 2006, there being a quorum present, by a vote of 3 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions, as follows: Lt. Governor Miller: Yes, Secretary Johnson: Yes, Treasurer Ellis: Absent, Representative Ellis: Yes, Governor's Nuckolls vote, if required, N/A.

NO. L-AS-2006-11

A RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ABSENTEE-SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA APPROPRIATING THIRTY SIX THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED TWENTY FIVE DOLLARS AND NO/CENTS (\$36,725.00) TO THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA'S TECUMSEH SQUARE BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2006, TO BE APPROPRIATED FROM THE GENERAL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is a federally recognized Indian Tribe exercising all inherent sovereign rights from time immemorial, and

WHEREAS, the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma has a Constitution approved by the Department of Interior, last amended in August 1988, and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is empowered by the Constitution to speak and otherwise conduct business in the name of, and on behalf of, the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, and

WHEREAS, the authorities granted by this Resolution shall be continuing until and unless rescinded by separate action of this body, and

WHEREAS, it is the fudiciary duty of the Executive Committee to appropriate and budget funding in accordance to the programs that it administers, and

WHEREAS, during the 2006 budgeting process the operating funds for Tecumseh Square were not formally allocated and approved by the Executive Committee, and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma has determined that it is necessary to formally appropriate the operating funds to the Tecumseh Square facility.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma approves the appropriating Thirty Six Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty Five Dollars and No/Cents (\$36,725.00) to the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma's Tecumseh Square budget for the year 2006, to be appropriated from the general fund.

CERTIFICATION

We, Larry Nuckolls, Governor and Steve Johnson, Secretary

of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that this Resolution No. L-AS-2006-11 to be a true and exact copy as approved by the Executive Committee of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma at a duly called meeting held on March 15, 2006, there being a quorum present, by a vote of 3 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions, as follows: Lt. Governor Miller; Yes, Secretary Johnson; Yes, Treasurer Ellis; Absent; Representative Ellis: Yes, Governor Nuckolls's vote, if required, N/A.

NO. L-AS-2006-12

A RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ABSENTEE-SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA APPROPRIATING FIFTY SIX THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FORTY DOLLARS AND NO/CENTS (\$56,840.00) IN A ACCORDANCE WITH THE BUDGET ATTACHED HERETO.

WHEREAS, the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is a federally recognized Indian Tribe exercising all inherent sovereign rights from time immemorial, and

WHEREAS, the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma has a Constitution approved by the Department of Interior, last amended in August 1988, and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is empowered by the Constitution to speak and otherwise conduct business in the name of, and on behalf of, the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, and

WHEREAS, the authorities granted by this Resolution shall be continuing until and unless rescinded by separate action of this body, and

WHEREAS, it is the fudiciary duty of the Executive Committee to appropriate and budget funding in accordance to the programs that it administers, and

WHEREAS, during the 2006 budgeting process the operating funds for Rode Side Inn were not formally allocated and approved by the Executive Committee, and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma has determined that it is necessary to formally appropriate the operating funds to the Rode Side Inn.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma approves the appropriating Fifty Six Thousand Eight Hundred Forty Dollars and No/Cents (\$56,840.00) in a accordance with the budget attached here-to-

CERTIFICATION

We, Larry Nuckolls, Governor and Steve Johnson, Secretary of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that this Resolution No. L-AS-2006-12 to be a true and exact copy as approved by the Executive Committee of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma at a duly called meeting held on March 15, 2006, there being a quorum present, by a vote of 3 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions, as follows: Lt. Governor Miller: Yes, Secretary Johnson: Yes, Treasurer Ellis: Absent, Representative Ellis: Yes, Governor Nuckoll's vote, if required, N/A.





A RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ABSENTEE-SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA AUTHORIZING A LINE ITEM TITLED "FOOD SUPPLIES" TO BE IMMEDIATELY ADDED TO THE LANGUAGE PRESERVATION PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is a federally recognized Indian Tribe exercising all inherent sovereign rights from time immemorial, and

WHEREAS, the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma has a Constitution approved by the Department of Interior, last amended in August 1988, and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is empowered by the Constitution to speak and otherwise conduct business in the name of, and on behalf of, the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Executive Committee to uphold its constitutional responsibility of the Tribe and its membership as the highest priority, and;

WHEREAS, the authorities granted by this Resolution shall be continuing until and unless rescinded by separate action of this body, and

WHEREAS, there is a need for the addition of a line item entitled "Food Supplies" to the Tribal Language Preservation Program.

WHEREAS, program funds are adequate to do a budget modification without the Language Program requesting addition funds.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma authorizes the addition of a line item entitled "Food Supplies" to be immediately added to the Language Preservation Program.

CERTIFICATION

We, Larry Nuckolls, Governor and Steve Johnson, Secretary of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that this Resolution No. L-AS-2006-13 to be a true and exact copy as approved by the Executive Committee of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma at a duly called meeting held on March 15, 2006, there being a quorum present, by a vote of 3 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions, as follows: Lt. Governor Miller: Yes, Secretary Johnson: Yes, Treasurer Ellis: Absent, Representative Ellis: Yes, Governor Nuckolls's vote, if required, N/A.

ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA SPECIAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

MARCH 24, 2006

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTIONS

NO. L-AS-2006-14

A RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ABSENTEE-SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA AUTHORIZING A SINGLE PER CAPITA PAYMENT TO ALL TRIBAL MEMBERS 60 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER WHO ARE 60 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER AS OF MARCH 31, 2006.

WHEREAS, the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is a federally recognized Indian Tribe exercising all inherent sovereign rights from time immemorial, and

WHEREAS, the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma has a Constitution approved by the Department of Interior, last amended in August 1988, and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is empowered by the Constitution to speak and otherwise conduct business in the name of, and on behalf of, the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, and

WHEREAS, the authorities granted by this Resolution shall be continuing until and unless rescinded by separate action of this body, and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Executive Committee to uphold its constitutional responsibility of the Tribe and its membership as the highest priority, and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee wishes to honor all Tribal Members who as of March 31, 2006 are 60, years of age and older.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma authorizes a single per capita payment to all tribal members 60 years of age and older who are 60 years of age or older as of March 31, 2006.

CERTIFICATION

We, Larry Nuckolls, Governor and Steve Johnson, Secretary of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that this Resolution No. L-AS-2006-14 to be a true and exact copy as approved by the Executive Committee of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma at a duly called meeting held on March 24, 2006, there being a quorum present, by a vote of 3 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions, as follows: Lt. Governor Miller: Yes, Secretary Johnson: Yes, Treasurer Ellis: Absent, Representative Ellis: Yes, Governor Nuckoll's vote, if required, N/A.

NO. L-AS-2006-15

A RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ABSENTEE-SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF A LINE ITEM ENTITLED "FORENSIC AUDIT FEES" and THE INCLUSION OF A "PROFESSIONAL FEES" LINE ITEM and APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THOSE LINE ITEMS; FURTHER INCREASING LINE ITEMS AS SET FORTH IN THE BUDGET ATTACHED HERETO, IN THE GOVERNOR'S GENERAL FUND BUDGET.

WHEREAS, the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is a federally recognized Indian Tribe exercising all inherent sovereign rights from time immemorial, and

WHEREAS, the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma has a Constitution approved by the Department of Interior, last amended in August 1988, and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is empowered by the Constitution to speak and otherwise conduct business in the name of, and on behalf of, the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, and

WHEREAS, the authorities granted by this Resolution shall be continuing until and unless rescinded by separate action of this body, and

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WHEREAS, it is the fudiciary duty of the Executive Committee to appropriate and budget funding in accordance to the programs that it administers, and

WHEREAS, there are certain audits that the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma's Tribal Government plans to perform causing a need for the creation of the "Forensic Audit Fee" line item, and

WHEREAS, during calender year 2006 and in future years, specific projects which require architect and engineering services will be perform causing a need for the inclusion of a "Professional Fees" line item within the Governor's budget, and.

WHEREAS, the need for additional personnel has arisen within the Governor's Department causing a need for additional funding in salaries and fringe.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma authorizes the creation of a line item entitled "Forensic Audit Fees" and the inclusion of a "Professional Fees" line item and appropriating funds to those line items; further increasing line items as set forth in the budget attached hereto in the Governor's General Fund Budget.

CERTIFICATION

We, Larry Nuckolls, Governor and Steve Johnson, Secretary of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that this Resolution No. L-AS-2006-15 to be a true and exact copy as approved by the Executive Committee of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma at a duly called meeting held on March 24, 2006, there being a quorum present, by a vote of 3 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions, as follows: Lt. Governor Miller: Yes, Secretary Johnson: Yes, Treasurer Ellis: Absent, Representative Ellis: Absent, Governor Nuckoll's vote, if required, N/A.

NO. L-AS-2006-16

A RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ABSENTEE-SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF LINE ITEMS AND THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS TO THOSE LINE ITEMS, AS SET FORTH IN THE BUDGET ATTACHED HERETO, WITHIN THE VETERANS AFFAIRS GENERAL FUND BUDGET.

WHEREAS, the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is a federally recognized Indian Tribe exercising all inherent sovereign rights from time immemorial, and

WHEREAS, the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma has a Constitution approved by the Department of Interior, last amended in August 1988, and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is empowered by the Constitution to speak and otherwise conduct business in the name of, and on behalf of, the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, and

WHEREAS, the authorities granted by this Resolution shall be continuing until and unless rescinded by separate action of this body, and

WHEREAS, it is the fudiciary duty of the Executive Committee to appropriate and budget funding in accordance to the programs that it administers, and

WHEREAS, the Veterans Affairs Department is a very new department within the tribal government, and

WHEREAS, the Coordinator of the Veterans Affairs Department has been employed and held several meetings with tribal veterans and thereby has determined what financial sustenance will be needed, and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee finds that it is in the best interest of the Tribe and it's membership to provide funding to the Veterans Affairs Department.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma authorizes the creation of line items and the appropriation of funds to those line items, as set forth in the budget attached hereto, within the Veterans Affairs General Fund Budget.

CERTIFICATION

We, Larry Nuckolls, Governor and Steve Johnson, Secretary of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that this Resolution No. L-AS-2006-16 to be a true and exact copy as approved by the Executive Committee of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma at a duly called meeting held on March 24, 2006, there being a quorum present, by a vote of 3 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions, as follows: Lt. Governor Miller: Yes, Secretary Johnson: Yes, Treasurer Ellis: Absent, Representative Ellis: Yes, Governor Nuckoll's vote, if required, N/A.

NO. L-AS-2006-17

A RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ABSENTEE-SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA APPROPRIATING EIGHTY-TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS AND NO/CENTS (\$82,000.00) TO THE EQUIPMENT LINE ITEM OF THE MEDIA GENERAL FUND BUDGET.

WHEREAS, the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is a federally recognized Indian Tribe exercising all inherent sovereign rights from time immemorial, and

WHEREAS, the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma has a Constitution approved by the Department of Interior, last amended in August 1988, and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is empowered by the Constitution to speak and otherwise conduct business in the name of, and on behalf of, the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, and

WHEREAS, the authorities granted by this Resolution shall be continuing until and unless rescinded by separate action of this body, and

WHEREAS, it is the fudiciary duty of the Executive Committee to appropriate and budget funding in accordance to the programs that it administers, and

WHEREAS, the Tribe has the in-house expertise to compile, print and mail the Absentee-Shawnee News, and

WHEREAS, additional equipment is needed that will enhance the Media Coordinator's ability in total self-sufficiency in the production and publication of the Absentee-Shawnee News.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma approves the appropriation of Eighty-Two Thousand Dollars and No/Cents (\$82,000.00) to the Equipment Line Item of the Media General Fund Budget.

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CERTIFICATION

We, Larry Nuckolls, Governor and Steve Johnson, Secretary of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that this Resolution No. L-AS-2006-17 to be a true and exact copy as approved by the Executive Committee of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma at a duly called meeting held on March 15, 2006, there being a quorum present, by a vote of 2 in favor, 1 opposed, and 0 abstentions, as follows: Lt. Governor Miller: Yes, Secretary Johnson: Yes, Treasurer Ellis: Absent, Representative Ellis: No, Governor Nuckoll's vote, if required, N/A.

NO. L-AS-2006-18

A RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ABSENTEE-SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA APPROPRIATING TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND NO/CENTS (\$25,000.00) TO THE CONSTRUCTION LINE ITEM OF THE MAINTENANCE GENERAL FUND BUDGET.

WHEREAS, the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is a federally recognized Indian Tribe exercising all inherent sovereign rights from time immemorial, and

WHEREAS, the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma has a Constitution approved by the Department of Interior, last amended in August 1988, and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is empowered by the Constitution to speak and otherwise conduct business in the name of, and on behalf of, the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, and

WHEREAS, the authorities granted by this Resolution shall be continuing until and unless rescinded by separate action of this body, and

WHEREAS, it is the fudiciary duty of the Executive Committee to appropriate and budget funding in accordance to the programs that it administers, and

WHEREAS, during the initial budgeting process no funds were allocated to the Construction Line Item of the Maintenance Department's, General Fund Budget, and

WHEREAS, historically, during the course of the year, some type of construction arises that the Maintenance Department will be required to perform, and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma finds that construction funds need to be appropriated prior to situations arising that will result in expenses to the Maintenance Department's General Fund Budget, Equipment Line Item.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma approves the appropriation of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars and No/Cents (\$25,000.00) to the Construction Line Item of the Maintenance General Fund Budget.

CERTIFICATION

We, Larry Nuckolls, Governor and Steve Johnson, Secretary of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that this Resolution No. L-AS-2006-18 to be a true and exact copy as approved by the Executive Committee of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma at a duly called meeting held on March 24, 2006, there being a quorum present, by a vote of 3 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions, as

follows: Lt. Governor Miller: Yes, Secretary Johnson: Yes, Treasurer Ellis: Absent, Representative Ellis: Yes, Governor Nuckoll's vote, if required, N/A.

NO. L-AS-2006-19

A RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ABSENTEE-SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA AUTHORIZING A FORTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND NO/CENTS (\$45,000.00) INCREASE IN THE "PROFESSIONAL FEES" LINE ITEM IN THE GENERAL FUND, ATTORNEY BUDGET TO COLLECT MONIES OWED TO THE TRIBE AND THAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL IS AUTHORIZED TO SELECT AND CONTRACT, ON BEHALF OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, WITH ONE OR MORE ATTORNEYS TO SEEK COLLECTION OF FUNDS OWED TO THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA. EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

WHEREAS, the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is a federally recognized Indian Tribe exercising all inherent sovereign rights from time immemorial, and

WHEREAS, the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma has a Constitution approved by the Department of Interior, last amended in August 1988, and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is empowered by the Constitution to speak and otherwise conduct business in the name of, and on behalf of, the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, and

WHEREAS, the authorities granted by this Resolution shall be continuing until and unless rescinded by separate action of this body, and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is empowered by the Constitution to speak and otherwise conduct business in the name of, and on behalf of, the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, including the employment of legal representation, and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Executive Committee to uphold its constitutional responsibility to the Tribe and its membership as the highest priority, and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee finds that the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe may have claims against person, and WHEREAS, the Executive Committee finds that money may be owed to the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee finds that any decision regarding hiring of outside counsel to pursue such claims or money owed to the Absentee Shawnee Tribe is properly placed with the Attorney General' knowledge and expertise, and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee finds that the funds currently devoted to the line item "Professional Fees" in the General Fund, Attorney Budget are insufficient to pay for outside counsel, and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee directs that the line item "Professional Fees" in the General Fund, Attorney Budget be increased by Forty-Five Thousand Dollars and No/Cents (\$45,000.00) for a total 2006 line item "Professional Fees" in the General Fund, Attorney Budget of Fifty Thousand Dollars and No/Cents (\$50,000.00).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma authorizes a Forty-Five Thousand Dollar and No/Cents (\$45,000.00) increase in the

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"Professional Fees" Line Item in the General Fund, Attorney Budget to collect monies owed to the Tribe and that the Attorney General is authorized to select and contract, on behalf of the Executive Committee, with one or more attorneys to seek collection of funds owed to the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma. EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

CERTIFICATION

We, Larry Nuckolls, Governor and Steve Johnson, Secretary of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that this Resolution No. L-AS-2006-19 to be a true and exact copy as approved by the Executive Committee of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma at a duly called meeting held on March 24, 2006, there being a quorum present, by a vote of 2 in favor, 1 opposed, and 0 abstentions, as follows: Lt. Governor Miller: Yes, Secretary Johnson: Yes, Treasurer Ellis: Absent Representative Ellis: No, Governor Nuckoll's vote, if required, N/A.

NO. L-AS-2006-20

A RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ABSENTEE-SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA AUTHORIZING THE SECRETARY OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE TO REDISTRIBUTE FUNDS DERIVED FROM THE SALE OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT, NAMELY A 620 LOADER BUCKET, IN THE AMOUNT OF FOUR THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS AND NO/CENTS (\$4,500.00).

WHEREAS, the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is a federally recognized Indian Tribe exercising all inherent sovereign rights from time immemorial, and

WHEREAS, the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma has a Constitution approved by the Department of Interior, last amended in August 1988, and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is empowered by the Constitution to speak and otherwise conduct business in the name of, and on behalf of, the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, and

WHEREAS, the authorities granted by this Resolution shall be continuing until and unless rescinded by separate action of this body, and

WHEREAS, it is th fudiciary duty of the Executive Committee to allocate a distribute funds, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with L-AS-2006-09 the Tribal Secretary has day-to-day oversight of the Maintenance Department, and

WHEREAS, a 620 Loader that was purchased by the Maintenance Department was determined to be surplus equipment and was sold for \$4,500.00, and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Secretary finds that the proceeds from the sale of the equipment should be restored to the Maintenance General Fund Budget, Equipment line item.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma authorizes the Secretary of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe to redistribute funds derived from the sale of surplus equipment, namely a 620 loader bucket, in the amount of Four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and No/Cents (\$4,500.00).

CERTIFICATION

We, Larry Nuckolls, Governor and Steve Johnson, Secretary

of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that this Resolution No. L-AS-2006-20 to be a true and exact copy as approved by the Executive Committee of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma at a duly called meeting held on March 24, 2006, there being a quorum present, by a vote of 3 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions, as follows: Lt. Governor Miller: Yes, Secretary Johnson: Yes, Treasurer Ellis: Absent, Representative Ellis: Yes, Governor's vote, if required, N/A.

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Tribal Elders Meeting

Saturday -April 15, 2006 10:00 a.m. Brendle Corner

Guest Speaker - Shawnee Larney
Social Services Director

A Social Security Representative will be attending to assist you with signing up for the Medicare Part -D program and answering any questions on Disability and Social Security Benefits.

Indian Taco Sale Come Join us!



Veteran's Organization swears in the elected officials on Saturday, April 8th.

Shown above are from left to right:

Commander: John Sloat

1st Vice-Commander: Frank Tiger Sergeant-At-Arms: Jim Sloat

Secretary/Treasurer: John Vanderburg

Chaplain: Donald Schulenberg

(Not present) 2nd Vice-Commander: Walter L. Larney







CHAMPIONS

Runner-Up's

These are the winners in the 2006 Employee Committee 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament. We would like to thank the other teams Magic and Hoop Ruckus who participated. See you next year! Also special thanks to Secretary Johnson for helping with the tournament.

Attention STEPS Participants

The goal of the REACH 2010 project is to prevent diabetes, cardiovascular disease, and lower risk factors! Help accomplish this by turning in activity log sheets and keeping measurements current. Stop by on any Thursday in April to update. Great incentives!

Leslie Harris 275-4030 ext. 213 (Title VI Building)

REACH 2010

Did you know that in 2005, in the Shawnee and Little Axe area combined, the REACH 2010 project hosted over 850 STEPS classes and events? Walking Groups, Swimming, Batting Cage, Golf Driving Range, Exercise BINGO, Body Shop, Health Fairs, Weight Wrestler Program, Heart Smart BINGO, Aerobics, Basketball, Chair Exercise, Nutrition and Exercise Support Group, Kickboxing, Abs and Buns Class, Skating, Lazer Tag, CPR Certification and Interactive Games, Family Fun Fair, Yoga, Football, Soccer, Honor Walk, 5K Run/Walk, Circuit Strength Training, Pow Wow Dance Class and F.E.A.T. "Finding Extra Activity Time" - walking during break time. REACH 2010 encourages all people - STEPS members or affiliates, people with or without diabetes, heavy or thin, fit or out of shape, Fitness Facility Staff, Casino Employees, AST tribal employees and people of all tribal affiliations -seek physical activities you enjoy and participate! These opportunities to be active are at no cost to STEPS participants and are recommended for the entire family. Enjoy and learn how exercise can help prevent or manage diabetes and it's complications. Get out of that sedentary routine and step out of your comfort zone. Try something the STEPS Program has to offer. To join or re-commit please contact the Wellness Department at one of our locations:

Little Axe 360-0698 * **Resource Center 364-7569** * **Shawnee 275-4030 ext. 213** Participate in the REACH project to improve health and quality of life - physical activity opportunities are just STEPS away!

<u>Tribal Historic Preservation Office/</u> Cultural Preservation Department

Karen Kaniatobe, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO)

As part of our Cemetery Preservation Project, we are recording the places and names of those buried at Little Axe Cemetery. A number of the graves here are buried the Shawnee way. As time goes by, memories fade and sometimes the location of these graves are forgotten. This presents a great concern for those wishing to bury their kin out here and for those that have to dig up the location for burial. Graves are not easily seen because the cemetery has been left in its natural state. Additionally, logs on graves have deteriorated and there is no visible marker or headstone to indicate a grave is there. There exists the potential of unknowingly unearthing a gravesite since people are unaware of its presence.

After tribal members expressed their concern about these issues and after visiting with several traditional elders, it was decided this was the time to clean up the cemetery because of the practical need to identify all of the graves on this site so that we can create a map to guide present and future generations of Absentee Shawnees. Presently, saplings, brush, and grass around graves have been removed to make gravesites visible and accessible. As mentioned the original intent was to clear up the cemetery area to locate and record grave locations but as I surveyed the area another concern became apparent. Some of the gravesites have saplings or trees growing through them. Several other gravesites are identifiable because of a depression in the ground. The depression in the ground is being caused by erosion. Additionally, there are a number of trees and evergreens that should be removed because their girth is imposing on gravesites. As well as recording sites I am also beginning to include the condition of each gravesite. If you are interested in knowing this information please give me a call. Presently, the maintenance of the gravesites themselves is up to the families of the deceased.

Though some tribal members would like to see the cemetery permanently maintained at this time the plan is to let the cemetery return to its natural state after the sites are documented.



We held a community potluck dinner at Little Axe Resource Center on March 25 to inform tribal members of the activity at the cemetery and to get assistance from the tribal community with burial site identification. From the participants I received some much needed information and was able to identify several graves that had no markers. A big thank you to all of those who came out to assist us with this important project, this includes several of our Cultural Advisory Council members, Frankie Watson, Barbara Wilkerson, Don White and George Blanchard. My thanks also goes out to Lieutenant Governor, Scott Miller and Secretary, Steve Johnson for their help with paying for the meal and let's not forget, Anthony Warrior and staff, who prepared the meal. Thanks to Kenny Jones, Office of Environmental Health (OEH) for supplying the bottled water that was available. The bottled water is used at tribal events to promote the Absentee Shawnee Tribe's Water Quality Monitoring Program.

Ni ya we!

(Photos courtesy of Cultural Pres. Dept)



ABSENTEE SHAWNEE HOUSING AUTHORITY 107 N. KIMBERLY ~ SHAWNEE, OK 74801 405.273.1050 ~ FAX 405.275.0678

Available Housing Programs:

Mutual Help/Homeownership Low Rent

Homeowner/Homebuyer Maintenance Program

Call or come by the Absentee Shawnee Housing Authority offices for an application or more information about our current programs. Priority is given to Absentee Shawnee Tribal members.

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ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA 2025 S. GORDON COOPER DRIVE SHAWNEE, OKLAHOMA 74801 PHONE (405) 275-4030 , FAX (405) 275-1922

ATTENTION: MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

YARD MOWING APPLICATION

	NAME:	BIRTHDATE:				
TELEPHONE: 1) Must be ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBAL MEMBER. 2) Must be 55 years or older. 3) All trash, branches, etc., cleaned out of yard. 4) Must provide proof of residency. The Absentee Shawnee Tribe Maintenance Department will ONLY mow and weed eat the applicant's lawn. The Maintenance Personnel will not trim trees, scrubs, etc. or any other tasks related to the up keep of yard. No RENT HOUSE lawns will be mowed.						
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To be eligible and placed on the list, you will have to complete and return this form. No call-ins will be accepted.

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SERVICES AVAILABLE TO YOU

PHARMACY SERVICES

ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBAL CLINIC PHARMACY

Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Lunch 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Telephone: Direct 405.878.5859

Toll Free 866.742.4977 Fax 405.214.4230

PHARMACY 48 HOUR REFILL POLICY:

Due to the increase volume of prescriptions coming to us, we are requiring a 48 hour notice on all refills. Please call in advance with your refill #'s. All refills will be filled in the order that they are received, walk-ins will not take priority over call-ins.

As always, new prescriptions will take priority over refills. Thank you for your cooperation in helping us to serve you better.

If you have any questions about the pharmacy services, please feel free to contact: Eddie Brokeshoulder - Director of Pharmacy Operations (405) 878-5859 Ext. 138

Contract Health Services

- Available to Enrolled Absentee Shawnee Tribal Members
- Assist tribal members in attaining the highest level of health and well-ness through cost effective health care.
- Guidelines were established by the Absentee Shawnee Tribal Health Board
- All tribal members MUST UPDATE every 6 months
- Referrals are made at the tribal members request when the tribal member has insurance.
- Uninsured tribal members require a referral from one of our physicians
- The physician will request a COB from contract health
- The tribal member must also notify contract health that a COB is needed
- Every physicians' visit mush have a COB
- Tribal members are encouraged to call 48 HOURS before appointments

Emergency Room Visits

- * Everyone must call triage at the following number (405) 447-0300
- * When approved, go to the specified emergency room or in case of emergency room visit, everyone must report to contract health within 72 hours of the ER visit.

For more information call Contract Health AST Complex Building #16 (405) 878-4702 or toll free 1-888-878-4702 Office Hours: Monday thru Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Darlene Perryman - Director • Augustine Johnson - Office Manager

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The following are current programs administered by the Absentee Shawnee Tribe Education Department:

- Academic (K-12)
- Zahn
- Job Training/Adult Education**
- Education Incentive Award
- Graduate Scholarship

**applications are being accepted for this program but may be subject to delays/denials due to this program being omitted from the 2006 education budget.

Attention:

The Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is a field site for the <u>Oklahoma Money Matters (OKMM) AmeriCorps Education Award Program</u>. We have two (2) member positions available for this grant year. At the heart of AmeriCorps, under the Corporation for National and Community Service, are members who serve with local and national organizations to meet community needs and, after their service, receive education awards to offset the expenses of a college education. In this case members will serve 300 hours in a one-year service term and after successful completion of their term will earn a \$1,000.00 education award that can be used to pay direct education expenses like tuition, room and board and repayment of student loans. Member enrollment will begin again June 1, 2006. <u>Volunteers do not have to be AST tribal members, but do have to have a high school diploma or GED.</u>

For more information, please call Tresha Spoon at (405) 275-4030 ext. 121 or 1-800-256-3341 or email to tresham@astribe.com

Summer Youth Workers, UNITE!!!

Here's your chance to become a part of the Absentee Shawnee's Summer Youth WORKFORCE.

We will be accepting applications beginning April 03 thru the closing of business on May 12!

- Must be between the ages of 14 -21
- Must be an enrolled AST Member
- Must live in Pottawatomie, Lincoln, Payne, or Cleveland counties.

For more information call or stop by the AST Social Services Department to get your application.

(405) 878-4702 or toll free 1-888-878-4702

Monday thru Friday
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Ask for:

Shawnee Larney, Kim Kannady or Casey Wilson

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Employment Assistance

This is not an entitlement program and is based on available funding

Direct Employment Assistance

- Must be an enrolled Absentee Shawnee Tribal Member 18 yrs. and older
- Must live within the Absentee Shawnee Tribal Service Area and provide proof
 of residency
- Must provide income verification
- Provides assistance for work related items for those who have secured NEW
 permanent full-time employment and have not received first full pay check
 (i.e. Business attire, scrubs, work boots & attire, & tools, etc.) Clothing limit
 \$300.00
- OR provides temporary financial assistance for those who secured NEW
 permanent full-time employment and are waiting thier first full pay check
 (based on D.H.S. payment standards)
- Provides a one time only gas voucher or vouches not to exceed \$30.00 total annually

For more information stop by or call the AST Social Services Department.

AST Complex building #16

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Office Hours: Monday thru Friday

8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Shawnee Larney - Director, Kim Kannady - Case Manager, Casey Wilson - Secretary

Utility Assistance

** This is not an entitlement program and is based on available funding**

Tribal Energy Assistance

- Must be an enrolled Absentee Shawneee Tribal Member
- Must bring current utility bill (electric, gas, water, propane or wood)
- Elders 55 yrs. and older and disabled assisted up to 3 times a year
- Tribal Members 54 yrs. and youger assisted up to 2 times a year
- Allowance based on total household income and number of household members, in accordance with the Tribal Energy Assistance guidelines

For more information stop by or call the AST Social Services Department.

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Summer Youth

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Supplemental Youth Services

- Must be enrolled Absentee Shawnee Tribal Member, 14 to 21 yrs. old, residing in Pottawatomie, Lincoln, Payne, or Cleveland counties
- Provides educational stipend equal to minimum wage for each hour at a supervised training institute (i.e. Summer School, Drivers-Ed and Vo-Tech)
- Work Experience Pays 100% of Minimum wage to participant for an 8
 week period to learn basic working skills(i.e. raking, washing windows,
 sweeping, filing, typing, receptionist and warehouse, just to name a few)
- Support Services Provides financial assistance for work related items (i.e. Business attire, scrubs, work boots & attire, & tools, etc.) \$300.00 purchase limit

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Employment & Education

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W.I.A. Adult Program

- Must be enrolled Absentee Shawnee Tribal Member residing in Pottawatomie, Lincoln, Payne, or Cleveland counties
- Provides Vocational training and Higher Education funding up to \$500.00 towards tuition and books
- On-the-Job Training Pays 50% of wages to employer for a 8 week training ending with full-time employment
- Work Experience Pays 100% of wages to employee for an 8 week training period to learn basic working skills
- Support Services Provides financial assistance for work related items (i.e. Business attire, scrubs, work boots, tools, or similar items) \$300.00 purchase limit

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Federal Prescription Drug Plan Program

- · Must be an enrolled Absentee Shawnee Tribal Member
- Must be Elder 65 years and older and/or disabled
- · Provides one-on-one counseling
- Provides enrollment assistance
- · Medicaid enrollment assistance available

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LLHEAP

** This is not an entitlement program and is based on available funding**

This program helps Tribal members who reside in Pottawatomie and Cleveland counties with heating and cooling costs. Applicants must not have received L.I.H.E.A.P. assistance from any other Tribe or Social Services agency within a 6 month period. Applicants must meet the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines to be eligible for services.

For more information stop by or call the AST Social Services Department.

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Promoting Safe & Stable Family

This is not an entitlement program and is based on available funding

This program assists Absentee Shawnee Tribal families in resolving crisis situations preventing out-of-home placement for tribal children. Parent or child must be an enrolled Absentee Shawnee Tribal member. Family must reside in Pottawatomie, Cleveland or Lincoln counties. Assistance is limited to \$200.00 per family per year. There are certain requirements to participate in this program including home visits and parenting classes.

For more information stop by or call the AST Social Services Department.

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GENERAL ASSISTANCE

This is not an entitlement program and is based on available funding

This program helps enrolled tribal members who are temporarily unemployed or are pending Social Security, Disability, Unemployment Benefits, or Public Assistance and are not receiving any type of income. This assistance is temporary and is available only after applicants have applied for other outside resources. The amount of financial assistance is based on Department of Human Services standards. Once an applicant is approved for General Assistance he or she must complete a number of job searches (applicable to those who are able to work).

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APRIL IS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH



- Each week, child protective services (CPS) agencies throughout the United States
 receive more than 50,000 reports of suspected child abuse or neglect. In Federal
 fiscal year 2003, an estimated 2.9 million reports concerning the welfare of
 approximately 5.5 million children were made.
- In approximately two-thirds (68 percent) of these cases, the information provided in the report was sufficient to prompt an assessment or investigation. As a result of these investigations, approximately 906,000 children were found to be have been victims of abuse or neglect.
- More than 60% of victims were neglected, meaning a caretaker failed to provide
 for the child's basic needs. Fewer victims experienced physical abuse or sexual
 abuse. The smallest number were found to be victims of emotional abuse, which
 includes criticizing, rejecting or refusing to nurture a child.

AN AVERAGE OF 4 CHILDREN DIE EVERYDAY AS A RESULT OF CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT. THAT IS AN ESTIMATED 1,500 CHILDREN IN 2003.

No groups of children are immune to abuse. Children of all races experience child abuse. YOU can provide a gateway to prevention by doing what you can to protect the children in your life and community – during April & throughout the rest of the year!

Raise the Issue! Reach out to kids and families! Take action to help ensure that the children in your community are safe and sound!

NUMBERS TO KNOW:

Absentee Shawnee Tribe Police 405-275-3200 Absentee Shawnee Tribe 405-275-4030 Oklahoma Child Abuse Hotline: 800-522-3511 Shawnee Police Department: 405-273-2121 Tecumseh Police Department: 405-598-3755



Need help?

Sometimes in our busy lives, things can get hectic and crazy!

Let us help you with a few new tools to manage your life and your kids' lives! The office of Indian Child Welfare offers quick tips and parenting classes for those families who would like to learn how to rebuild, reform, repair or refresh your family life. Contact Jodi Owings at ext. 198 for more information about the next segment of parenting classes set to begin at the end of April.



Parenting Classes Starting Soon!!!

ATTENTION!!!

The Absentee Shawnee Tribal Clinic
(Little Axe Locaton)
Will be Closed on the 1st and 3rd
Wednesdays of Each Month
From 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

(Example: We will be closed on April 6th & 20th, 2006)

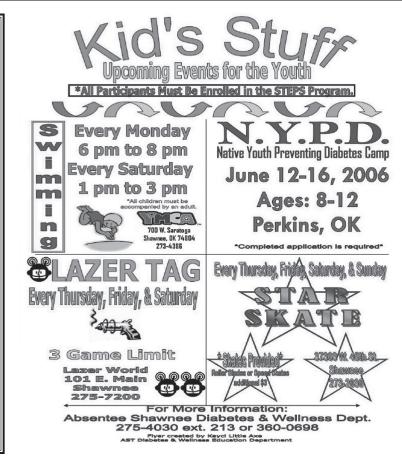
We will ONLY see patients IF it is an EMERGENCY!

AST Little Axe Clinic - (405) 447-0300



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YMCA Kids Day!
Saturday, April 8th
10 am - 2 pm
Shawnee
A free day of fun
for everyone
Come Join Us!



Date of Birth: Playing sports, going to the park, helping with housework. and P.E. are all ways to be active. True or False Eating healthy foods, like fruit and veggies and getting lots of physical activity are great ways to feel good about yourself. True or False You need ____ to live! B. Water A. Candy C. Soda Pop It's okay to eat fast foods, but not everyday. True or False You should be physically active everyday. True or False You should always respect your elders. True or False Name your favorite way(s) to be active!

Return this form to Diabetes & Wellness Center location.



Return this quiz
to one of the
Diabetes & Wellness
offices listed below and
receive a FREE Incentive

<u>Shawnee</u>

Leslie Harris - Title VI Building (405) 275-4030 ext. 213

Little Axe

Diabetes Offices - Behind LA Clinic (405) 360-0698

<u>Little Axe Resource Center</u> (405) 364-7298

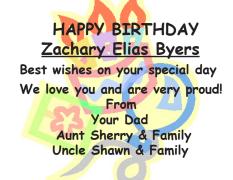
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Happy Birthday to all Tribal Members born in April!

Editor's Note: Because of Privacy Issues and Potential Identity Theft, we can no longer print a list of Birthdays each month.



Happy Birthday!
Pam Whinery April 1st
Marty Kaniatobe - April 10th
Leigha Blackwell - April 19th
Jennifer Sloan - April 28th
From
Don & Esteline Schulenberg





Look Who's Turning 35! Happy Birthday Tim From Mom, Shelia & Jeanette

Congratulations
to Ezra & Jasmine
Delodge
on the birth of their
new daughter

Lena Ruby ReAnna **Delodge**

From his mother and sisters



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Mon & Family

Building Blocks Child Development Center 4000 N. Kickapoo Shawnee, OK 74804 (405) 878-0633

The children at Building Blocks join the nation in celebrating the 103rd birthday of Dr. Suess. A person is never too young or too old to enjoy a good book. Building Blocks would like to thank Kent Scott, Director of A.S.T. Family Services, for being our guest reader for this special day.

Rita Pine

Photo provided by Building Blocks











The Easter Egg Hunt was a huge success.

Despite the cool weather, we had a very good turn out.

Thank you all for coming and enjoying a day of fun!





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